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The Honorable Guy Cordon
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Cordon:

The Public Buildings Service of the General Services Administration informs me that to rent the 700,000 square feet of office space which the Central Intelligence Agency now occupies or is about to occupy in the Washington area would cost \$1,500,000 annually. This cost is comparatively low because most of the buildings which we now occupy are temporary wooden buildings suitable only for use in an emergency which would have a low rental value if they were owned privately instead of by the Government. The cost of renting 700,000 square feet of office space of permanent type construction at current market prices is estimated by the Public Buildings Service at \$2,900,000 per year on a yearly basis.

It is requested that these figures not be included in the printed record of the Committee.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith
Director

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